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REPORT OF TREASURER April 1, 1965

GENERAL FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1964	$2,041.93
Memberships	1,034.25
Exhibitors fees, 1964 conference	135.00
Sales of meals and registration fees, 1964 conference	1,506.35
Gifts	10.50
Sale of Quarterly back numbers	5.50
Exhibitors fees, 1965 conference	135.00
	$4,868.53

Disbursements:

Expenses, 1964 Conference	$2,393.13
Treasurer, 1964 Conference	68.80
Supplies	121.95
Postage	119.20
Legislative chairman, postage and expense	142.95
ALA Membership	25.00
ALA Building Fund	25.00
Montana Coffee Hour, PNLA	22.75
Montana Legislative Luncheon, ALA	68.50
Transfer to Scholarship Fund, for 1962-63 and 1963-64	200.00
*Typewriter	*217.47
Expenses, 1965 Conference	7.98
	$3,412.73
Balance	$1,455.80
BALANCE, GENERAL FUND	$1,455.80
BALANCE, SCHOLARSHIP FUND	475.81
BANK BALANCE	$1,931.61

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1964	$ 226.31
Gifts	20.00
Sale of "Books are Friends"	29.50
Transfer from General Fund for 1962-63 and 1963-64	200.00
	$ 475.81
Disbursements:	00.00
BALANCE	$ 475.81

(Mrs.) Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer.

*The Executive Board, on April 30, 1964, voted $250.00 annually to be used by the Treasurer for clerical expenses. The machine was purchased from this fund.

COMMITTEE FOR CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

The Committee for Central Distribution of State Documents has continued its study of the problem of distribution of Montana state documents through two investigations. First, questionnaires were sent to libraries in the state soliciting information on the scope and use of Montana state document collections and the interest in a system of depository libraries for state documents. Second, questionnaires were sent to all state agencies to secure information on their publication and distribution policies, and to assess their interest in a system for centralized distrbution of Montana state documents.

Following is a summary of the information received:

Information from Libraries

I. Library holdings of Montana state documents.

Aside from the major units of the University system, little interest in this material or need for greater availability was evident among libraries in the state. Lack of information concerning publications available was no doubt partly responsible for this attitude, together with severe space limitations in most libraries.

II. Centralized distribution system.

There was a large consensus of opinion on two aspects of the problems: (1) There is urgent need for a listing of all state publications by a centralized agency, and (2) Many libraries are interested in the availability of state documents on a loan basis from a centralized agency.

III. Conclusion.

The statements of librarians suggest that the most important immediate needs for Montana state documents are:

1. A centralized distribution agency with adequate copies (a) for the few libraries interested in complete collections of Montana state documents; (b) for the limited number of requests from public libraries for copies or for interlibrary loan service; and (c) for a reasonable reserve supply for future needs. State agencies have the unfortunate habit of discarding older material; retention for future needs can be assured only through deposit in a centralized agency.
2. There is an urgent need for a regular listing of all state documents for the information of libraries and for the public as well.

As already suggested, knowledge of the useful material available in state documents would certainly stimulate library interest in this material. Furthermore, the mounting concern with social and economic problems on the state and local level is bound to expand the interest in local documentary material.

Information from State Agencies

Replies were received from forty state agencies, a reasonable representation of those with a publications program. However, information should be completed for a few agencies such as Fish and Game Commission whose publications have general interest.

I. Publications issued.

There is great variation in number of publications distributed annually, from ten agencies which issue no material to the Highway Patrol with a mailing list of 7200 copies for some of its monthly publications. Sixteen agencies issue only a report (annual or biennial) with a mailing list varying from fifty to five or six hundred. This limited study is sufficient to show that distribution of documents amounts to thousands of publications each month from many agencies.

II. Distribution of publications.

Free.

Thirty-three agencies have free distributions.

Priced.

A very few agencies sell publications, but no agency limits distribution to sale only. Six agencies combine free and priced distribution. All sale publications are handled by issuing agency.

III. Centralized distribution of state documents.

Opposed.

Five agencies gave unqualified negative to such a policy; three agencies opposed it because of legal restrictions (ex., Board of Barber Examiners where distribution is tied to licensing); a few stated that by law their publications were excluded from public distribution.

Four agencies questioned feasibility of centralized distribution for various reasons, such as the need for individualized information supplementing publications and in some cases the belief that a more economical and judicious distribution can be made by issuing agency. Certain agencies indicated their reservations, but were "open to discussion".

Favorable.

Ten agencies favored centralized distribution without any reservations, four stated it should be limited to sale publications, and five would limit it to out-of-state distribution. The largest number, thirteen, favored limiting centralized distribution to a system of depository and exchange libraries.

IV. Conclusions.

The replies received from state agencies indicate a fairly general acceptance of a system for centralized distribution of state documents to depository and exchange libraries. Sale of publications should be left with the issuing agency. It is possible that centralized distribution might receive wider support if better understanding of such a system could be reached through personal contacts with state agencies.

Recommendations

Further steps toward establishment of a centralized distribution system for Montana state documents are handicapped by present location of the State Library which should serve as the distribution agency. Additional exchange of information with state agencies, which can best be accomplished when the State Library is in the State Capitol, should be carried on to gain broader support for plan and to get detailed information on extent of the undertaking and cost involved.

Since most Montana libraries are not at present concerned about expanded acquisition of state documents, there seems no reason to press for a centralized distribution plan until conditions are improved.

The need for a centralized listing of state documents does seem urgent, and should be undertaken as soon as feasible.

Mary Dempsey

Ruth O. Longworth

Lucile Speer, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON MEETING PLACE

This Committee received an invitation from the Helena Public Library to hold the Montana Library Association conference in Helena in 1966.

Mrs. Alice Newell,

Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Hurrah! This year we batted 100% in our legislative program! H.B. 159, which redefined in relationship to today's needs, the powers and duties of the Montana State Library Commission, was passed by the House by 80-0; the Senate by 37-13; and signed by Governor Tim Babcock. The Appropriations Bill raised the budget for the Commission from $52,994 last session to $75,000 for each year of the next bi-

ennium. This is an increase of $22,006 from the General Fund of the State and provides for the first time that most of the running expenses of the State Library will be paid by the State!

I cannot be too enthusiastic in my praise of two gentlemen in the House of Representatives for their concern and interest in the library program in Montana. Francis Bardanouve, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Walter Laas, Chairman of the sub-committee to which our bill was assigned, made it possible for a raise of $22,006 over the proposed increase of $6 provided for in the budget submitted to the Legislators. Mr. Bardanouve, Mr. Laas, and Senator John MacDonald, Chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee, arranged for us to meet with the House Appropriations Committee to explain what we needed the money for and why $6 was not enough of a raise. Early in January, Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Bill Baillie and I described the library program to the entire House Appropriations Committee. We each presented a different part of the picture, answered questions and discussed the program before an interested group of men.

After several trips to Helena in January and February, it became apparent that more funds would be made available to the Commission. When Mr. Laas informed me by phone that the Appropriations Committee had approved a $22,006 hike, I could hardly believe it. The entire committee was in agreement with the raise! When the bill authorizing the raise was introduced in February, it was my pleasure to arrive in the House Chambers just 3 minutes before. That same day, the Senate held a hearing on H.B. 159 at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. This bill was introduced in the House by Representatives P. J. Gilfeather, John Hall and Francis Bardanouve.

During every trip to Helena we took time to see Governor Babcock and kept him advised of the progress of Library Legislation. We appreciated his interest.

As your Legislative Chairman for the last three sessions, I want to thank everyone; Librarians, Trustees, Friends, Legislators and say to you that without the many, many years of endless effort to explain Library Service to all people, none of this would have been possible. Since the State Library was created in 1945 hundreds of people have worked to create a positive image of good library service, and it's due to you that this year our appropriation was increased.

Let us not be lulled by the successes in this session. Start now to explain any new project, any expanded project and any working present project to all who will listen. Have film showings of better libraries and service. Talk, breathe, and inform people about libraries. If we do this for the next two years, the Legislative job will be made much easier and when all the Legislators go to Helena, they will already be informed.

Our goal next session will be complete support for the State Library from the State General Fund. This can only be accomplished if each Legislator is kept abreast of all the projects and programs of library service from today until the next session of the Legislature meets.

One hundred sixty-two names were on our Legislative Committee. Get to work now and send in new names so that we can double our active working committee. It takes about two years to thoroughly educate new people to our program.

There are two people I'd like to publicly thank. Mrs. Richard Ellis, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Library, who made several trips to Helena with me to contact Legislators for the Library. Also, Robert Franklin of Great Falls, Public Relations Counsel for the Great Falls Public Library Building Project, who helped draft H.B. 159 and made several important contacts with Legislators for me.

Thank you to the Montana State Library Commission members and to Ruth for without you this would have been a failure.

Mrs. R. D. (Margaret) Warden,
Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee met in Helena in August to discuss a plan for library development in Montana and how to implement it. Miss Ruth Warncke, Associate Professor of Library Science at Western Reserve University, consulted with the Committee. The plan for library development for Montana will include all types of libraries. The Committee discussed various elements of the plan. Miss Warncke will write the plan. Members of the Committee have received a preliminary draft. At the meeting of the Association in Anaconda in May, the Plan will be reviewed and all of the membership will have an opportunity to contribute ideas for making the Plan a reality in Montana.

Mrs. Perl Coombs
Mary K. Dempsey
Mrs. Jean Davis
Mrs. Mabel Engelter
Dorothy Gelhaus
Mrs. Mildred Grawe
Lesley Heathcote
Mrs. Inez Herrig
Margaret Hileman
Lawrence Hodges
Mrs. Letitia Johnson
Mrs. Bess Pittman
Mrs. Clare Smith
Mrs. Mary Antunes
William Rossiter
Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant
Evleyn Swant
Ann Whitmack
Elsie Lundborg
Mrs. Peg Gadbow
Alve Thomas
Mrs. Marie MacDonald
Mrs. Barbara Houghton
Natalie Sliepcevich
Kathleen Campbell, Ex-Officio
Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, Ex-Officio

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

As of March 15, the Local History Committee had received 110 of the 364 questionnaires mailed out. Many of those reported no local history material in the reporting library. To those who did give information, we were especially glad to get the names of authors, books, and pamphlets of local and regional interest.

To those librarians who have not yet returned their copy of the questionnaire, please take time to do so when you can. And whenever in the future books or pamphlets are published in or about your area, please let us know. Local history must be a continuing project.

Mrs. Marie MacDonald,
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

April 1, 1965

Active Members:			
School Librarians		104	
Public Librarians		101	
College and Special Librarians		38	
Total Active Members			243
Associate Members:			
Friends		147	
Trustees			
Commission Members	4		
Public Library Trustees	143		
School Administrators	50		
Total Trustees		197	
Total Associate Members			344
Institutional Members			3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (Included in above are 17 Life Members)			590
Gain in Membership since April 1, 1964			3
New Members			73

We can show no spectacular gain in membership this year, but every mail still brings at least one, so we continue to grow. Renewal notices were sent immediately after conference and the response was

good. The usual fall invitation was sent to all librarians and friends and second notices to delinquent members were sent in February. In addition, after the State Library Directory was received, personal letters were written to all public and school librarians not yet members. A special letter, mimeographed, because there were so many, was sent to the list of teacher-librarians in the directory. Many new members have been added as a result of these letters.

Our thanks, as usual, to the staff of the State Library Commission for their very generous assistance.

Rita M. Nelson, Chairman

Cara Musser

Eleanor Ivankovich

Lucie Reedy

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

Routine work of the Committee has been carried on during the year. This includes adding the names of Montana authors not already in the files, listing new publications by Montana authors soliciting biographical data where needed.

Mrs. Mabel M. Brewer, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—1965

The highlight for the National Library Week observance in 1964 was a breathless moment at the American Library Association annual conference in St. Louis when Montana was announced Runner-Up in the nation for the $1,000 award given by Grolier, Inc., to the state library association which carried out the most effective statewide program. Grolier is offering another $1,000 this year and we hope that at ALA in Detroit, Montana will place first.

Mr. George N. Lund, President of the First National Bank of Reserve, is Chairman of this year's state committee and we are all extremely indebted to him for enlarging his committee to make it more representative. He has secured the consent of the Governor for a proclamation for the Week. We find the response of citizens everywhere most cooperative in agreeing to serve both on the state committee and on their very own local committees.

The primary goal for NLW in 1965 was established at the November organizational meeting which is the implementation and interpretation of the **Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana** written by Miss Ruth Warncke, Associate Professor, School of Library Science at Western Reserve University and (as of June 1965) Deputy Executive Director of the American Library Association. Copies of the Plan were distributed in the spring and it will serve as the basis for a

workshop at the annual Montana Library Association conference in Anaconda, April 30-May 1, 1965. This attempt at an all inclusive Plan for development of libraries of every type—public, school, college, university, and special—is really a first in the nation and should have a salutory effect on the future of Montana libraries.

National headquarters selected two themes for the 8th observance "KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT—READ!" and a subsidiary theme, "OPEN YOUR FUTURE—READ!" Both of these were used in Montana but for the second year a flyer was printed proclaiming the "Happiness" motif. Cartoonist, Charles Schulz, again graciously gave us permission to use one of his characters, Lucy, who holds a book and reminds us that "Happiness is a library with all the books you want to read." 100,000 brochures were distributed to banks, businesses, civic and social clubs, libraries of every kind and throughout the school systems.

Increased emphasis has been placed on magazine and newspaper publicity for the Week in Montana periodicals which have not formerly carried this. Members of the state committee volunteered in this endeavor to reach such special publications as the DUDE RANCHER, ROADWISE, WESTERN LIVESTOCK REPORTER.

Special banquets planned for the Week will take place in Fort Benton where that library will celebrate its 50th anniversary during Sunday, April 25th. The guest speaker will be Miss Dorothy Johnson, popular Montana author and professor of Journalism at Montana State University. Great Falls Friends of the Library plan either a victory celebration for their attempt at a successful bond issue, or a "Thank You" dinner for the many, many organizations and individuals who participated in the campaign. "Thank Yous" at this time will also go to Representative Francis Bardanouve of Harlem, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Representatives Walter Laas of Chester, John Hall and Patrick Gilfeather of Great Falls, for their assistance in obtaining an increase in the budget of the State Library Commission. The Livingston Public Library had as their specific project the purchase of a micro-reader for that library. Their local NLW committee was instrumental in obtaining this machine.

Reports of one hundred per cent participation from every community should enable the Executive Director to compile a dramatic account of the activities in our state for national headquarters. With our **Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana** and with the stimulation and impetus generated by the Week we can truly expect to fulfill the President's request that, "National Library Week become a rallying point for cooperative year-around efforts to provide the library services necessary to meet the diverse and changing needs of all the American people."

Barbara J. Houghton,
Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION submits the following slate of officers for 1965-1966:

President

Mrs. Lucille Anderson, Librarian, Glacier County Library, Cut Bank

Vice-President and President-Elect

Mrs. Margaret Ann Camm, Consultant, Montana State Library Commission, Missoula

Secretary

Mrs. Peggy Gadbow, Director of Library Services, Missoula Public Schools, Missoula

Treasurer

Mrs. Rita Nelson, Serials Librarian, Montana State University Library, Missoula

A. L. A. Councilor

Mrs. Clare Smith, Librarian, Carnegie Public Library, Miles City

Ballots were mailed out to all active members.

Nominating Committee,
Montana Library Association

March 15, 1965

Mrs. Lucille Anderson

Mrs. Florena Vinal

Natalie Sliepcevich, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee of the Montana State Library Association for 1964-65 sent letters to all librarians in October. This was to encourage them to publicize their activities in several different medias. They were asked to keep newspaper clippings and to write reports of other forms of publicity such as TV and radio. If a scrapbook of this material could be sent for display at the State Convention where others could read it, and exchange of ideas may be gained. This was the

request of the letter sent in March again to remind librarians to assemble their printed articles and let us have them available for display in Anaconda April 30-May 1.

The State Library sent notices of the conference to **Library Journal, Wilson Bulletin,** and **A.L.A. Bulletin** to be published in their calendars of events.

Mrs. Irene Greenleaf
Mrs. Marlys Wirtzberger
Mrs. Kay Courtnage, Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 1965

We are pleased to be able to report that there may be Library Services and Construction Act funds available from the State Library for scholarship aid. We are asking all librarians in the state to consider the possibility of taking advantage of this aid for study in the field of librarianship. Deserving and interested young people who have completed their undergraduate work, should be informed of this possibility. Please notify the State Library if you have any one to recommend.

Remember, too, you are encouraged to contribute to the Association's Scholarship Fund at any time. The sale of "Books are Friends" continues and proceeds are added to the scholarship Fund.

Lesley Heathcote
Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIANS

No report.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The outlook for Montana School Libraries continues in high favor. The continuous strides made by the work of the MLA Library Development Committee including school librarians and the present conference of MLA in writing the Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana under the guidance of Miss Ruth Warncke has added stimulus toward increased activity in all libraries and communities.

The chairman of MASL acted as liaison for the Britannica Awards and applications for final consideration were sent out to Britannica from two elementary school systems, Glasgow and Great Falls. Though Montana did not win this year and received Honorable Mention last year (1964), with Missoula elementary school libraries under librarianship of Mrs. Peg Gadbow, we should get Montana in the running again next year.

School libraries are very definitely recognized in recent proposed legislation. President Johnson's Education Program includes The Secondary Education Act of 1965 which offers substantial assistance toward strengthening elementary and secondary schools. All five titles of the

bill contain implications for school library development and Title II is concerned entirely with school library resources and instructional materials and provides for a five-year program to make available these resources for the use of all school children and youth. Estimated Federal payments for Montana under Title II allotted to Montana is $384,799. If passed, this would be a tremendous boost to Montana School Libraries. The NDEA program under Title III for school libraries has been expanded to include Social Studies and Literature. NDEA Institutes for advanced study for librarians have increased in number as well.

MEA District Library Sectionals were extremely successful this year demonstrating the liaison between MEA and MASL. The state MEA meeting was held in Billings. Mrs. Peggy Simpson Curry, Casper, Wyoming, novelist and educator, was guest speaker at the Library-English sectional breakfast Friday morning. Under the guidance of Mrs. Frances Wells, Billings West High Librarian, a panel "Variety in Book Reports" was presented and Mrs. Elizabeth Little, Librarian at Sidney Junior High presented the topic "Library Use of Film Strips."

The chairman of MASL attended meetings of the State Library and Audio-Visual Committee this year as an ex-officio member. Your chairman of MASL also participated as a member of the state NLW committee. Letters to elementary and secondary administrators and librarians have been sent encouraging full NLW participation. A final tabulation from all libraries will be requested at the end of NLW for evaluation to be sent to Mrs. Barbara Houghton, state executive director of NLW. Montana was runner-up last year (1964) for the Grolier Award for the best NLW observance in the nation.

The Western Montana Student Librarians Association held a district meeting in Stevensville in March and the state meeting was held in Bozeman in April. Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Librarian of Missoula Sentinel High and chairman of the MASL student assistant committee was guest speaker.

The April issue of Montana Libraries contains a message from the School Library Division Chairman. Members of MASL have contributed articles and reports to PTA, Montana Libraries, ALA and AASL.

Mrs. Frances Wells is the MASL State Assembly representative.

Mrs. Frances Dufraine submitted the following report as chairman of the School Library Division Professional Training and Standards Committee.

The committee is of the opinion that:

If undergraduate programs in Library Science in Montana Colleges and Universities are continued they should be strengthened to meet the standards established for such program by the National Committee On Teacher Education.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education should enter more completely into the training of librarians for

Montana, by supporting education thereof in accredited schools outside Montana. The Montana Library Association should exert all effort to achieve this end.

Since an accredited library school "should have a budget of at least $200,000", (Joseph Wheeler in **Library Journal),** it is unlikely that Montana can realistically look forward to an accredited school in the near future. It may be that serious thought on such a school for Montana should be postponed until such times as those schools already accredited in other states are able financially to pull their own weight on their campuses.

Miss Eleanor Ivankovich
Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

The chief project of the Division this year is the work of the Awards and Honors Committee, with Mrs. Margaret Camm as Chairman and Mrs. C. G. Johnson, Plains and Mrs. Robert Bemis, Superior, serving with her. The Award will be given to the outstanding library trustee of the year. Following are the points on which selection will be made:

1. Constructive accomplishment of some sort toward the forwarding of library service and development of sound library policies.
2. Outstanding efforts in interpreting the library's needs to the community and making it aware of its problem areas.
3. Awareness of responsibility to the library in being a trustee and a consistent pursuit of its interests.
4. Application of sound practices to increase efficiency and greater service of the library.

The Committee reports excellent response from many libraries. Selection was by no means easy, for every trustee recommended deserves honor and acclaim. The winner will be announced at the annual conference in Anaconda, Saturday, May 1, 1965.

I am proud and pleased to commend Margaret Warden, who served as Legislative Chairman for the Association with distinction and great success. Through her efforts and with the help of many members of our division who worked diligently with her, the Legislature allowed a budget of $75,000.00 per year for the Montana State Library Commission. Passed, too, was a good law which defines more fully the responsibilities of the State Library Commission.

National Library Week is fully supported by the members of this division. Every year the participation is increased. New friends are won to help us to use the Week for an all-out public relations program that calls attention to the wonderful world of books and the pleasures to be found in reading. Once again the Happiness theme has been chosen in Montana and we have all done our bit to send Little Lucy out and around with her message.

Mrs. Cara Musser
Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE

Selecting the outstanding trustee of the year was the privilege of the Trustees Awards and Honors Committee whose membership consisted of Margaret Camm, Chairman, Mrs. Robert Bemis and Mrs. C. G. Johnson.

The committee met in late February to make a decision on the outstanding trustee. Nine very capable trustees had been recommended by their respective libraries, and it was no easy task to select the winner.

Criteria for the selection was based on such things as:

1. Constructive accomplishment of some sort toward the forwarding of library service and development of sound library policies.
2. Outstanding efforts in interpreting the library's needs to the community and making it aware of its problem areas.
3. Awareness of responsibility to the library in being a trustee and consistent pursuit of its interests.
4. Application of sound practice to increase efficiency and greater service of the library.

Out of the nine, one was selected as the most outstanding and honorable mention to three others. The names of these trustees will be made public at a luncheon during the Montana Library Association Conference at Anaconda in May. The committee found that it had many factors to consider in making its selections and felt that every name should have received recognition.

Margaret Camm
Chairman

ALA COUNCILOR

Your ALA Councilor was unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Library Association held in St. Louis last summer. However, she did attend the Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, D.C., January 25-30.

The first Session of the Council was devoted to the usual ALA Committee Reports.

The most spirited part of the Second Council Session on Wednesday afternoon, January 27, was discussion of the resolution which was presented to the Council by Frederick H. Wagman, then President of the ALA, during the Annual Conference in St. Louis; namely, "That all ALA officers and ALA staff members should refrain from attending in official capacity or at the expense of ALA the meetings of any state associations which are unable to meet fully the requirements of chapter status in ALA." The states affected were Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. As to the meaning of "official capacity," and

ALA officers," it was pointed out that Mr. Wagman's resolution represented the Executive Board's latest interpretation arrived at after consultation with attorneys. After more then an hour of discussion in which several amendments were offered, the resolution was accepted by the Council in its original form. According to this interpretation, officers consist of the President, the President-elect, the Second Vice-President, the Executive Director, and the Treasurer, and any ALA representative whose expenses are paid by the Association.

During the discussion the President of the Alabama Library Association announced that the Alabama Association had now been desegregated. President Castagna expressed the hope that all the states would be able to comply with ALA requirements by the next ALA meeting.

Your ALA Councilor also attended the Workshop on Library Legislation sponsored by the Committee on Legislation of ALA, from January 28-30. The Workshop opened on Thursday evening, January 28 with talks by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, James E. Bryan, Director of the Newark Public Library, and Past President of the ALA, and Edwin Castagna, Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, and President of the ALA. A full day session was held on Friday, January 29, and a half day session on Saturday morning, January 30. In summing up the Workshop on Friday morning, Dr. Lowell Martin, Vice-President and Editorial Director of Grolier, Inc., pretty well summed up the whole Workshop in my opinion in this slogan: "Get up, plan, mobilize, contact,—the result probably will be failure but try again, and you will be over the top."

In the group discussions which followed the Workshop sessions the most important point brought out, again, in my opinion, was this: no matter how good your library bill or your plan of organization, the essential factor in your legislation is to have someone on the ground in the capitol city to lobby—librarian or non-librarian—and he or she should not apologie for being a lobbyist.

Kathleen Campbell

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

President Johnson's education message, sent to Congress January 12, alerted librarians to a federal program in support of education which is without precedent in our history. In addition to the amounts requested to support ongoing programs the new bill will request $1.5 billion for a program which includes library support at every point. Part one of the President's proposal is the pre-school program; part two is concerned with elementary and secondary schools; and part three is in support of higher education, to strengthen the educational resources of our colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance for students, education for librarianship is a significant part of the bill; available also are undergraduate scholarships to assist students.

The full amount permitted in the law was allowed for the amended Library Services and Construction Act. Deleted from the Library Services Act was the restriction of 10,000 population. Construction projects are in effect all over the nation and dynamic programs are developing as counties join together into systems of libraries.

The Higher Education Facilities Act of 1964 authorizes $1.2 billion investment by the federal government in academic facilities needed by public and other non-profit colleges and universities. Under Title I of the Act, a five year program of grants is authorized to construct and improve academic facilities. The five year program of grants under Title II will expand and improve academic facilities at graduate schools and establish top flight new ones. The federal share of construction costs is limited to 33 1/3%.

The National Defense Education Act was amended and expanded to include English, remedial reading, history, geography and civics. Included also are additional funds for training of school library personnel.

In the American Library Association BULLETIN of January, 1965, page 43, Pauline Winnick, Public Library Specialist, Services to Children and Young Adults, Library Services Branch, has compiled an explanation on federal legislative programs which are relevant to libraries. These include: the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; Vocational Education Act of 1963; Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962; Community Work and Training Program; Federally Assisted Urban Renewal Housing Act of 1949; and Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Offenses Control Act of 1961. Librarians should consider this chart carefully with the needs of their communities in mind to find imaginative ways of extending and improving services.

Ruth O. Longworth,
Federal Coordinator

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

The Library Services and Construction Act has made for a busy and prosperous year at the State Library and in many libraries throughout Montana. Miles City's application has been approved for construction and bids have been let for a street-level addition which will more than double the present floor space. The State Library Commission has approved applications for construction for Glasgow and Sidney. Great Falls will try for a favorable vote on a bond issue on April 5th.

Under Title I, for the extension of library services, Northwest Montana Federation of libraries has extended into Sanders County and is carrying on a demonstration of library services in that area. A bookmobile librarian is now employed and federal funds have been granted for books, equipment and furniture for all of the participating libraries. A new federation with Helena as its Center will soon be under way. The bookmobile is on order and delivery expected in the near future.

Highlights of the year will be the publication of Ruth Warncke's **Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana.** Miss Warncke has done a superb job of writing a guide for action, for every type of library in the state. She has worked closely with the Library Development Committee and both the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Library. Implementing the Plan will be the topic of the yearly conference in Anaconda and Miss Warncke will conduct this program.

We are pleased to announce new members of the State Library staff: Mrs. Perl Coombs joined the staff in September 1964 as Consultant; and Mrs. Margaret Camm assumed her duties in November, 1964, in the same capacity. In July, 1965, Mrs. Mable Brewer will join the staff as Assistant Librarian, to share responsibilities with Mrs. Barbara Houghton.

Statistics show gratifying totals: 42,129 books have been circulated, 1,288 inter-library loans processed and 45 book exhibits were on display; the collection has increased by the addition of 8,850 volumes making a total of 65,136. Consultative visits number 95,617 conferences have been held with groups and individuals, and 116 meetings took place on which a member of the staff was a guest speaker. The number of workshops has been increased with the addition of able and competent staff.

The thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly made library history by providing an increase of $22,006.00 in the State Library budget—by far the largest increase ever received. A $75,000.00 budget was allotted for each year of the next biennium. The Legislature passed and the Governor signed a law that more fully defines the responsibilities and powers of the State Library Commission.

Ruth O. Longworth
Librarian

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The 1964 meeting of Pacific Northwest Library Association was held in Montana at Many Glaciers Hotel, September 3-5, 1964.

The president, Dr. Samuel Rothstein, had made some proposals for determining new directions for the regional association.

It was agreed that an ad hoc committee should be appointed to study the reorganization of PNLA.

Some of the proposals for change could be far-reaching in effect and alter the regional association drastically. The chairman of the Committee on Reorganization is Lesley Heathcote.

The directive to the Committee from the membership includes the following:

1. Consideration of the purposes and functions of PNLA and its relationship to the state and provincial organizations and their respective roles; delineation of activities that belong to the area Associations.
2. Consideration of a new policy about geographical distribution of elective officers and members of committees.
3. Consideration of a new dues structure.
4. Consideration of the need for a paid executive secretary whose duties might combine those of secretary and treasurer.
5. Consideration of the limitation of the number of committees.
6. Consideration of duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors for long term planning and possibility of changes in the Quarterly.

P N L A members should express their opinions to Lesley Heathcote. There will be an opportunity to discuss the reorganization plan when P N L A meets in Portland in 1966. You are encouraged to give serious thought to the proposals that come from the Committee on Reorganization.

P N L A will meet jointly with the Mountain Plains Library Association in Denver, September 1-4, 1965.

Alma S. Jacobs